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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
| | RICHARD B. FRANKLIN | 2181 | |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the RCE filed 02 November 2010.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 – 29 are pending.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 02 November 2010 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 02 November 2010, with respect to claims 1 – 29 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the claims has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1 – 29 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 is allowed because the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest alone or in combination ***a first processing channel comprising a plurality of functional units and operable to perform control processing operations responsive to***

control instructions dedicated to program flow and branch and address generation; and wherein the decode unit is operable to receive instruction packets sequentially and to detect if each instruction packet is of a first class which defines (i) at least two said control instructions or a second class which defines (ii) a plurality of instructions one or more of which is a data processing instruction, the decode unit using at least one identification bit at a predetermined bit location in the packet for detecting id the instruction packet is of the first or second class, and wherein said control instructions have a bit length less than the data processing instructions, as required by independent claim 1, ***in combination with the other claimed limitations*** (emphasis added). Support for the above limitations can be found in the originally filed specification at page 8 lines 21 – 22 and page 9 lines 5 – 17. The prior art of record, US Patent No. 7,234,042 (hereinafter Wilson) in combination with US Patent No, 6,292,845 (hereinafter Fleck), teaches that a first and second processing channel processes different types of instructions (Wilson; Figure 1 Items 6_x and 8_x, Col 4 Lines 7 – 10) (Wilson; Figure 1 Items 6_y and 8_y, Col 4 Lines 7 – 10) and detecting whether the instruction packets are of a first class or a second class based on a bit of the instruction packet (Wilson; Col 4 Lines 48 – 51), but does not teach that the control instructions are dedicated to program flow and branch and address generation and that the control instructions which go into the definition of the different classes of instruction packets are dedicated to on program flow and branch and address generation, and that the control instructions have a bit

length less than that of the data processing instructions, as required by independent claim 1.

Claims 2 – 25 are also allowed because of their dependency upon allowed independent claim 1.

Claim 26 is allowed because the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest alone or in combination *first and second processing channels, each having a plurality of functional units, wherein the first processing channel is capable of performing control processing operations responsive to control instructions dedicated to program flow and branch and address generation and decoding each instruction packet in turn at a decode unit by determining if the instruction packet is of a first class which defines (i) at least two said control instructions; or is of a second class which defines (ii) at least one data processing instruction, and the decode unit using at least one identification bit at a predetermined bit location in the packet for detecting if the instruction packet is of the first or second class; and wherein said control instructions have a bit length less than said data processing instructions*, as required by independent claim 26, *in combination with the other claimed limitations* (emphasis added). Support for the above limitations can be found in the originally filed specification at page 8 lines 21 – 22 and page 9 lines 5 – 17. The prior art of record, Wilson in combination with Fleck, teaches that a first and second processing channel processes different types of instructions (Wilson; Figure 1 Items 6_x and 8_x, Col 4 Lines 7 – 10) (Wilson; Figure 1 Items 6_y and 8_y, Col 4 Lines 7 – 10) and

detecting whether the instruction packets are of a first class or a second class based on a bit of the instruction packet (Wilson; Col 4 Lines 48 – 51), but does not teach that the control instructions are dedicated to program flow and branch and address generation and that the control instructions which go into the definition of the different classes of instruction packets are dedicated to on program flow and branch and address generation, and that the control instructions have a bit length less than that of the data processing instructions, as required by independent claim 26.

Claims 27 and 28 are also allowed because of their dependency upon allowed independent claim 26.

Claim 29 is allowed because the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest alone or in combination ***a first class of instruction packets each comprising two or more control instructions for execution sequentially, wherein said control instructions are dedicated to program flow and branch and address generation, and a second class of instruction packets each comprising at least a data processing instruction and a further instruction for execution contemporaneously, wherein instruction packets contain at least one identification bit at a predetermined bit location in the packet for detecting if the instruction packet is of the first or second class, and wherein said control instructions have a bit length less than said data processing instructions***, as required by independent claim 29, ***in combination with the other claimed limitations*** (emphasis added). Support for the above limitations can be found in the originally filed specification at page 8 lines 21 – 22

and page 9 lines 5 – 17. The prior art of record, Wilson in combination with Fleck, teaches that a first and second processing channel processes different types of instructions (Wilson; Figure 1 Items 6_x and 8_x, Col 4 Lines 7 – 10) (Wilson; Figure 1 Items 6_y and 8_y, Col 4 Lines 7 – 10) and detecting whether the instruction packets are of a first class or a second class based on a bit of the instruction packet (Wilson; Col 4 Lines 48 – 51), but does not teach that the control instructions are dedicated to program flow and branch and address generation and that the control instructions which go into the definition of the different classes of instruction packets are dedicated to on program flow and branch and address generation, and that the control instructions have a bit length less than that of the data processing instructions, as required by independent claim 29.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RICHARD B. FRANKLIN whose telephone number is (571)272-0669. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alford Kindred can be reached on (571) 272-4037. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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